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P.A. 402 of 2002 requires a total of three annual reports, beginning June 3, 2003, regarding the requirements listed under section 333.16221(f) of the Public Health Code. These reports are to focus on the effect the amendatory act has on access to care for the uninsured and Medicaid patients. The Department of Consumer & Industry Services is required to specifically address, "the number of referrals by licensees of uninsured and Medicaid patients to purchase or secure a drug, device, treatment, procedure, or service from another person, place, facility, or business in which the licensee has a financial interest."

Of the 2085 allegations received for FY 2001-2002 and the 937 allegations received for the first half of FY 2002 -2003, only two cases were identified as possibly meeting the requirements as stated under section 333.16221(f). These two cases were authorized for investigation on April 2003, and the investigations completed in July 2003. The cases have since been forwarded to the Health Professionals Division of the Department of Attorney General for their review and determination. To date, the cases rest with the Health Professionals Division and a decision has yet to be made regarding potential action.